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ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [] Other 2. [Miscellaneous] a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) b. [X] Other Copy of Petition for 3-month Extension of time (2 months previously paid) 3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments (CEV) Deposit Account No. 03-2468 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) JAN 1 6 2004 Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. | Other b. [X] Check in the amount of \$385.00 enclosed Technology Center 2000 c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Frederick J. Dorchak Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 29,298 Name (Print/Type) (Customer No. 25889) January 13, 2004 Signature **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** EXPRESS MAIL NO. **EV 413 363 407 US** Date of Deposit: January 13, 2004

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